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Sent: 3/10/2015 12:45:52 PM
To: Bradford, Deanna [Bradford.Deanna@epa.gov]
Subject: DEIS - Harbor Bridge Project-TXDOT

Deanna – Below is what Agatha submitted. They do not meet the criteria for what should be uploaded.

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From: Clayton, Carrie
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Smith, Rhonda
Subject: FW: DEIS - Harbor Bridge Project-TXDOT

Rhonda – this is what I have received from Agatha.
Carrie

From: Benjamin, Agatha
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Clayton, Carrie; Bradford, Deanna
Cc: Smith, Rhonda; Anderson, Israel
Subject: FW: DEIS - Harbor Bridge Project-TXDOT

Hi
Deanna, I am the Liaison and Coordinator for Texas, in OEJTA. I was told that I need to submit all of my emails and files that I have on Harbor Bridge Project in Corpus Christi, Texas. I need to know how you want me to send the emails and files and if this is what you want – ex. see emails below.

From: Benjamin, Agatha
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 4:04 PM
To: Anderson, Israel
Cc: Ponder, Deborah; Hale, Jeannine
Subject: RE: DEIS - Harbor Bridge Project-TXDOT

Israel.
Yesterday, Deborah Ponder requested that I copy and paste the information from my associate review of the subject project and submit it to you with Sharon Questions and you will submit it to Sharon. Also, I simplified my discussion for tribal.

Sharon O. Question: (EJ)
Just a couple of questions regarding your review of Chapter 3 Affected Environment: (Note: the meeting discussion was about “Other Concern”- Health Study) Since this is in Corpus Christi, did the PEIS talk about Hillcrest and/or other communities that OEJTA has worked with? If they did mention these communities, is their discussion adequate?

Agatha Answer: (EJ)

In Section 3.5 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the FHWA and TXDOT identified and discussed minority and low-income communities and each pertinent minority group, but did not discussed whether, how or to what degree the alternatives and/or the preference alternative/project will impact the referenced minority and low-income populations. (Per Israel and Deborah instruction, I copied and pasted answer from my Associate Review)

Sharon O. Question: (Tribal)

I saw that you included the background piece from Jeannine’s Tribal template, but I was unclear whether FHWA discussed contact/coordination with Tribes for NHPA, EO 13175, or did not contact them under either process.

Agatha B. Answer (Tribal)

Because this a preliminary draft, in which only chapters 1, 2 and 3 were submitted, it is a possibility that TXDOT and FHWA is still working on the Tribal consultation and will discuss it in it Draft Final. Whether tribal consultation is applicable or not, I recommended FHWA and TXDOT discuss Tribal Resources/consultation in its Draft Final EIS exhibiting consideration had been given and in accordance with Executive Order 13175.

From: Benjamin, Agatha
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 9:01 AM
To: Osowski, Sharon
Cc: Ponder, Deborah; Anderson, Israel
Subject: RE: DEIS - Harbor Bridge Project-TXDOT

Good Morning,
I addressed your questions in my recommendation to for the NEPA Office. Please see my associate review for EJ and Tribal Program submitted to you on August 16, 2013.

From: Osowski, Sharon
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 9:15 AM
To: Benjamin, Agatha
Cc: Ponder, Deborah; Anderson, Israel
Subject: RE: DEIS - Harbor Bridge Project-TXDOT
Importance: High

Hi Agatha,

Just a couple of questions regarding your review of Chapter 3 Affected Environment:

Since this is in Corpus Christi, did the PEIS talk about Hillcrest and/or other communities that OEJTA has worked with? If they did mention these communities, is their discussion adequate?

Tribal resources: I saw that you included the background piece from Jeannine’s Tribal template, but I was unclear whether FHWA discussed contact/coordination with Tribes for NHPA, EO 13175, or did not contact them under either process.

Thanks,
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From: Benjamin, Agatha
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 3:51 PM
To: Osowski, Sharon
Cc: Ponder, Deborah; Anderson, Israel
Subject: DEIS - Harbor Bridge Project-TXDOT

Sharon,
Please find attached my recommended comments to 6EN-XP. If you should have any changes to my comments and/or have any comments from your review of the DEIS that you would like for me to incorporate, please submit them.

If you should have any questions or assistance, please contact me.

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